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Filed : June 14, 2000 Examiner: David A. Saunders.
For : METHOD FOR PREDICTING TRANSPLANT REJECTION

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Washington, DC 20231

In response to the Office Action mailed May 14, 2003, Applicant submits herewith a *signed* copy of the Amendment filed on May 6, 2003 in connection with the above identified patent application. The Amendment filed on May 6, 2003 was inadvertently filed without a signature.

Entry of the Amendment submitted herewith into the file of the above-identified application is respectfully requested. Withdrawal of all rejections is requested. An early allowance is earnestly sought.

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Respectfully submitted,

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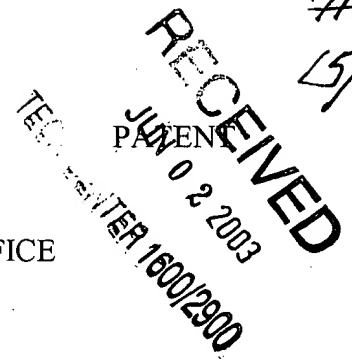
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AMENDMENT

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In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 19 as follows:

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19. (amended) A method for predicting whether or not a transplant recipient is likely to reject a tissue allograft comprising detection of IgG anti-HLA DR antibodies in the serum of the recipient against a panel of control B lymphocytes wherein detection of such antibodies indicates that the recipient is likely to reject a tissue allograft.